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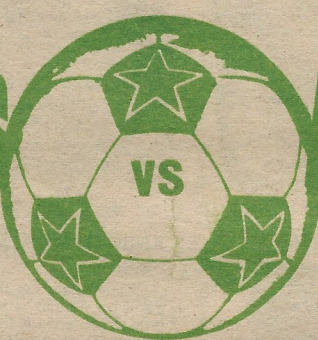
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Franz Beckenbauer, not just a great player but a charming, polite young man: "When I finish playing with Cosmos at the end of 1980, I may accept a PR position with them for a few years provided I can spend about four or five months of the year in Munchen. After the Australian tour, I'm going back there and will train with Bayern until about January. No, I never get sick of soccer: it's the passion of my life."

Johan Neeskens, the great Dutch midfielder, a serious character, speaks the way he plays, with a lot of pent-up tension. "The greatest player I've ever seen? Johan Cruyff, followed by Ruud Krol. Beckenbauer? Oh yes, he is another good player. When I retire, it will be to Spain. My home now is Barcelona, not Amsterdam."

Eskandarian, the former Iran World Cup fullback, a happy friendly, jolly character. "Iran's soccer is finished, the Ayatollah has banned not just music and dancing but also professional soccer. All our best players now play in neighbouring Arab countries. Australia needn't worry about Iran in the World Cup, we've gone back to amateur levels. I live in New York now permanently, with my family and have no plan to go back to Tehran. The 1978 World Cup? We were let down. Before the series all players were promised \$3,000 for every match won in the preliminaries plus a house. All we got was \$1,000, and no house. Maybe the Shah has got our money, in Mexico."

Wim Rijsbergen, a Dutch edition of movie star Steve McQueen, an open, friendly fellow: "I won't play for Holland again, I told them my international career is over. Holland will need years to build another good team, I wouldn't be surprised if the East Germans knocked them out of the European Championships. I love it with Cosmos in New York. A circus? Not at all, it's serious. In another two or three years soccer in the USA will reach European standards. Pity I can't play in Sydney; it's an old Achilles tendon that's worrying me."

Professor Julio Mazzei, coach, manager, mentor, organiser; former boss of Pele, now the supremo of Cosmos; a trim, grey-haired bespectacled man. "We're building one of the greatest teams in the world. Yes, sure, we have great stars — but there's no problem with the discipline: they know their livelihood is on the line. Everybody is proud to play for Cosmos. They get big money but in return all give their talent, time and total co-operation."

Brazil's 1970 World Cup captain Carlos Alberto, who looks like a younger and taller brother of Sammy Davis Junior: "Don't worry about Brazil's future, they have hundreds of excellent players, they'll have a great team again. Take Zico, Socrates, Dirceu and others; how many other countries have them?"

Dom Flora, Cosmos Director of Marketing, a bright smart, howdy-type American businessman: "Sure, we're more than a soccer outfit (he says it like 'sucker'), we're a topflight entertainment unit like the Globetrotters, Radio Music Hall, a Las Vegas show, anything. What's wrong with that? People want to have fun, so we provide it. But to do that you must have top players, top organisation and marketing. We know a thing or two about that in the US."

— Andrew Dettre.



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One team keen to preserve its prestige, the other fighting to establish its identity — this is at stake on Wednesday night when the Socceroos play New York Cosmos in Sydney.

Nearing the end of their long, seven-week world tour, the Cosmos stars may feel slightly tired or jaded.

They have also lost one of their most brilliant stars, the Brazilian Marinho, who suffered an injury in Japan.

But tired nor not, Cosmos could still be more than a handful for the Socceroos who — not for the first time in Australian soccer history — go into battle with only the flimsiest of preparations.

The Cosmos team reads like a lexicon of soccer greats: is there a true fan who has not heard of Beckenbauer, Neeskens, Carlos Alberto, Rijsbergen, Bogicevic, Tueart or Chinaglia

(pictured above)?

Heroes of World Cups, European Championships and other major events and idols in their country of origin, these stars have been household names the world over.

Against them the Socceroos will have to be at their inspired best to survive.

Rudi Gutendorf has selected a team which is based on players still involved in competition matches.

This is their dress rehearsal before the tour of China and Korea, the first vital step towards our World Cup campaign.

A good result against Cosmos would certainly boost the stock of the Socceroos; the results of this great New York team are listed on all the world's soccer "stock exchanges".

• Cosmos pen-portraits on page 2.

These are the Cosmos stars

FRANZ BECKENBAUER

MIDFIELDER Born: 11/9/45

Franz Beckenbauer, one of the finest players in the history of soccer, proved time and time again last season that he thrives on dramatic, pressure-packed situations.

It would be hard to match the tribute he was accorded by 71,219 cheering fans who turned out at Giants Stadium on "Franz Beckenbauer Day" May 21. What more can be said about the man whose very presence on the field resulted in a regular-season attendance record?

Franz, who joined the Cosmos from Bayern Munich on May 25, 1977, was named the league's Most Valuable Player that year after being switched to what was a strange position for him — midfielder. He had, after all, revolutionized the role of sweeper by giving it an offensive dimension.

Among his many other accomplishments, Franz captained West Germany to the 1974 World Cup and also starred in the 1966 and 1970 tournaments.

Including the 1978 NASL championship, teams he's been associated with in his 13 seasons of soccer have won 16 major titles — proving that he is, indeed, a winner.

Antonio got his start in soccer in 1964 when he was 11 years old in the youth program of Huracan of Buenos Aires.

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GIORGIO CHINAGLIA

STRIKER Born: 24/1/47

After the season Giorgio Chinaglia had in 1978, it was only appropriate that he should appear in ABC Sports' "Superstars".

What he had was the greatest scoring season in North American Soccer League history: 34 goals and 79 total points (which smashed the records of 30 and 69 set by Chicago's John Kowalik in 1968). And, when you take into account all the games the Cosmos played last year, Giorgio "tied" Babe Ruth by scoring 60 goals in 59 total games.

Giorgio who joined the Cosmos in May 1976 after his purchase from Lazio of Rome has led the Cosmos in scoring all three years with the team and has captured two NASL scoring titles.

He also won the Italian League scoring crown and led Lazio to the championship in 1973-74. He averaged a goal every other game in the low-scoring Italian League.

team to three straight European Cup championships — in 1971, 1972 and 1973. During his tenure Ajax was Dutch champion in 1967-68-70-72-73 and captured the Dutch Cup in 1967-70-71-72.

Scored a goal in the second leg as Ajax won the World Club Championship in 1972 over Independiente of Argentina.

Followed Cruyff to Barcelona for the 1974-75 season and played in Spain until deciding to join the Cosmos, who secured his services in direct competition with Arsenal of England and Strasbourg of France.

Helped lead Barcelona to the Cup Winners Cup over Fortuna Dusseldorf earlier this year, played for Holland when they finished third in European Nations Cup competition in 1976 and has 46 caps for Holland.

Played in two World Cup finals, scoring Holland's only goal from the penalty spot against West Germany in 1974. His five World Cup goals are second only to Robbie Rensenbrink's six among all-time Dutch performers.

First came to worldwide fame during the 1974 World Cup. Played for Holland against Argentina on May 22 at Bern, Switzerland in a replay of the 1978 World Cup Final to help celebrate FIFA's 75th anniversary.

Married, one son, Christian, citizen of Holland, born at Haarlem.

CARLOS ALBERTO (TORRES)

DEFENDER Born: 17/7/44

Carlos Alberto is the "glue" that binds the Cosmos defense together.

In 1978 in addition to being named the North American Soccer League's "Defensive Player of the Year", he was an NASL All-Star who was also honored as NASL Best Defender.

He is former Brazilian national team captain and captain of Brazil's 1970 World Cup champions.

A "libero" who helped pioneer the modern Brazilian style of soccer, Carlos Alberto was purchased by the Cosmos from Flamengo of Rio de Janeiro after playing on loan with the Cosmos for the last four games of 1977 and the playoffs.

His arrival, in fact, was hailed as one of the major links in the Cosmos' drive to their first of two successive NASL championships.

Carlos, who began his pro career at 19 with Fluminense of Rio, played with Santos of Brazil and Pele from 1966 to 1974.

He was sold back to Fluminense in 1975 and led that club to back-to-back Rio championships.

Schoolboys to the unofficial European championship. Single, born in England, Jamaican parents.

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DENNIS TUEART

FORWARD Born: 27/11/49

Dennis Tueart, NASL's "most valuable player" of the playoffs in 1978 for his six-goal performance, hopes the injuries that cut into his playing time in 1978 are now a thing of the past.

When Dennis is fit his quick feet and outstanding shots bring Cosmos fans to their feet time and time again.

Dennis, who signed a long-term contract with the Cosmos in February 1978, following his acquisition from Manchester City of the English First Division, wound up last year by either eight consecutive goals during one stretch of the playoffs.

During his career in England, Dennis scored 108 goals in 333 games with Manchester City and Sunderland.

He was purchased by Manchester City from Sunderland in 1974 for a club-record transfer fee of 275,000 pounds.

Dennis, who has made seven international appearances for England with a pair of goals, also scored the winning goal to give Manchester City the F.A. Cup over Newcastle at Wembley in 1976, his winning shot: a magnificent bicycle kick.



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VLADISLAV BOGICEVIC

MIDFIELDER Born: 7/11/50

"Bogie is magic," said former Cosmos star Randy Horton after playing against talented Vladislav Bogicevic during the Cosmos' 1978 pre-season stint in Bermuda. And "Bogie" is definitely that.

One of the highly technical players in the game, Bogie has the size and skills to dominate the midfield. He was one of the premier players in Europe with Red Star of Yugoslavia before signing with the Cosmos early in 1978.

The father of a baby girl, Tanja, born in November, Bogie was selected an NASL Second Team All-Star for his play last year and was the Skool/Happy Days Offensive Player of the Game at Seattle.

He played 47 times for the Yugoslavian national team, including in the World Cup, where his biggest thrill in soccer was starting the opening game of the 1974 tournament as Yugoslavia tied defending champion Brazil 0-0.

He made 503 appearances for Red Star, leading that club to five Yugoslavian championships and four Yugoslavian Cup titles.

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ANTONIO CARBOGNANI

MIDFIELDER Born: 5/11/53

Antonio Carboognani, one of the newest members of the Cosmos, signed with the NASL champions in February following his acquisition from Club Barcelona of Guayaquil, Ecuador. And it was while playing for Barcelona that he first caught the Cosmos' eye.

Antonio, who can play either offensive or defensive midfield, played against the Cosmos last year when they were held by Barcelona to a 1-1 tie on their fall tour of South America.

Cosmos scouts also saw him in action in the championship game of a local tournament and liked what they saw.

A skilful and very active midfielder, Antonio first joined Barcelona in 1976 after beginning his professional career with San Telmo of Buenos Aires in 1972.

The youngster led San Telmo to the Argentine Second Division club championship in 1975 and helped elevate the team to the first Division in 1976 before going to Barcelona.



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SANTIAGO FORMOSO

DEFENDER Born: 4/7/53

Santi, extremely swift of foot, specialises in overlapping attacks. He has excellent speed and technique.

He was acquired by the Cosmos from the Connecticut Bicentennials prior to the 1977 post-season tour. As a member of that Cosmos club, he played in the historic China games in Peking and Shanghai.

A member of the United States squad in the 1975 Pan-American Games, Santi was selected for the U.S. national team in 1976.

He played soccer at the University of Pennsylvania and was All-Ivy League in 1974.

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TERRY GARBETT

MIDFIELDER Born: 9/9/45

Terry Garbett has already announced that the 1979 season will be his last as an active player. And when the popular Englishman winds up his career, he'll be missed.

The hard-working veteran, the Cosmos' best defensive midfielder, is a physical player who excels at breaking up an opponent's offensive thrusts.

But when he was in the lineup, Terry certainly made his presence felt. He was also a strong contributor to the Cosmos' drive to "Soccer Bowl '77" and has been an important member of the team each year since his purchase from Sheffield United of the English First Division in 1976.

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JOHAN NEESKENS

MIDFIELDER Born: 15/9/51

One of the finest midfielders ever, he signed a five-year contract with the Cosmos in June following the expiration of his contract with Barcelona.

One of the major reasons Holland rose to world prominence in soccer.

A central midfielder noted for his strong shot, he frequently pushes the attack up from his centre spot.

Excellent in the air and a penalty kick specialist.

Signed his first professional contract with Ajax of Amsterdam in 1967 at the age of 16 (first played organised soccer at ten), formed the cornerstone of Ajax' formidable midfield which helped carry the



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ANDRANIK ESKANDARIAN

DEFENDER Born: 31/12/51

Eskandarian, the Iranian World Cupper who signed with the Cosmos in time to accompany the team on its 1978 tour of South America, was, according to no less an authority than Giorgio Chinaglia, the club's best player on the tour.

Eskandarian anchored the backline from his left fullback position as Iran's World Cup team advanced to the final 16 in Argentina.

A four-year member of the Iranian national team with 35 "caps" to his credit, he also played 10 years with Tadj and two for the Iranian Army Team before joining the Cosmos.

Eskandarian first appeared before the Giants Stadium faithful as a member of the World All-Stars...and then joined the Cosmos as a guest performer in their exhibition against Boca Juniors. His services were also sought by six European and two Australian clubs.

"Eski", as he was quickly dubbed is extremely difficult to beat and is particularly proficient in the air. He played on two Asian Cup-winning Iranian Youth Teams (1973 and 1974), for the Iranian Army Team that competed in the World Army Soccer Games at West Germany in 1974, and in the 1976 Olympic Games at Montreal.

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GARY ETHERINGTON

FORWARD Born: 22/4/58

Gary Etherington, the North American Soccer League's "discovery" of the year for 1978, came into his own last season, thanks in large part to Dennis Tueart and Steve Hunt.

Or, rather, injuries to Dennis and Steve (plus a two-game Hunt suspension) that gave the likeable blond a opportunity for considerable playing time early in the season.

Gary, described by ex-coach Eddie Firmani as "the best American winger in the country", improved tremendously since 1977 largely because he learned how to pace himself.

A member of the PSRA All-North American First Team, Gary would be playing regularly on most other NASL teams...but with the Cosmos has Tueart and Seninho in front of him.



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ARSENIO RODRIGUES JARDIM (SENINHO)

FORWARD Born: 1/7/49

Seninho joined the Cosmos last June from F.C. Oporto, the Portuguese First Division champion, but never really hit his stride until the club's post-season tour.

His playing time was sharply restricted by a severe hamstring pull that limited him to just five regular-season and a pair of playoff games.

Seninho, who has scored more than 250 goals during his career, played against Cyprus and Poland and scored one goal as Portugal was eliminated in the qualifying round for the 1978 World Cup.

He has 12 international appearances to his credit, including games against Italy, France and Denmark.

Seninho joined Oporto from his native Angola in 1969 but later played for the Angolan Champions in 1973-74.

He has seen UEFA Cup action and played in Cup Winners Cup and friendly matches against some of the world's top clubs.

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EROL YASIN

GOALKEEPER Born: 11/10/48

Erol joined the Cosmos after a brilliant career in Turkey with Galatasaray of Istanbul, a club he led to four league and three Turkish Cup championships.

He also played 27 games in goal for the Turkish national team, including a match against Franz Beckenbauer in 1971, when Turkey lost to West Germany 1-0.

Erol, who plans to become a citizen of the United States, started his soccer career as a junior with Istanbulspor and joined Galatasaray in 1967.

His biggest thrill in soccer was holding powerful Atletico Madrid to a 0-0 draw in the European Cup tournament.

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GODFREY INGRAM

FORWARD Born: 26/10/59

Signed with the Cosmos last June on loan from Luton Town of the English Second Division, considered to be an excellent prospect. Joined Luton Town at the age of 11; was elevated to Luton's first team the next year. Made three international appearances with the English National Youth Team, at 15 played for the England Schoolboys, helped lead



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HUBERT BIRKENMEIER

GOALKEEPER Born: 24/5/49

Was recommended to the Cosmos by no less an authority on goalkeepers than Franz Beckenbauer.

Joined the Cosmos from FC Freiburg of the West German Second Division South, began his professional career at Freiburg after playing in the club's youth team.

Spent three seasons with Tennis Borussia, a period during which that team went from second to first and back to the second division. Returned to Freiburg when Tennis Borussia was relegated to the second division.

Made one appearance for the German amateur national team.

Single, citizen of West Germany who was born in Hartaheim, a small hamlet in the Black Forest.

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"WIM" RIJSBERGEN

MIDFIELDER Born: 18/1/52

A light-marking, hard tackling defender or defensive midfielder who joined the Cosmos in April from Bastia of the French First Division.

Made his NASL debut in Washington April 8 against the Diplomats, signed with Bastia in 1978 after playing since 1971 with Feyenoord of the Dutch First Division.

Played with the World All-stars against the Cosmos last August 30 at Giants Stadium.

Played right and centre back on the Dutch national team and as defensive midfielder with Bastia.

One of the assets he brought to the Cosmos was his versatility to play three defensive positions.

Has 30 "caps" to his credit, played for Holland in the 1974 World Cup final against West Germany, also played three games for Holland in the 1978 World Cup in Argentina before being injured.

Signed his first professional contract with Pec Zwollen of the Dutch Second Division at the age of 18, first played on the Dutch national junior team when he was 14. Was named for all the Dutch youth selections, began his soccer career as an amateur in his hometown of Leiden.

Married, citizen of Holland, was born in Leiden. Has a training (coaching) degree, works with handicapped children in Leiden, organising soccer programs for them.

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NELSI MORAIS

DEFENDER Born: 22/10/51

Re-signed by the Cosmos last June.

His playing time in 1978 was limited in large part due to injuries: badly sprained ankle suffered in training at mid-season caused him to miss several games.

Was a durable competitor in 1977, finishing third on the Cosmos in minutes played to Pele and Chinaglia. Played every minute of fix playoff games that year and saw action in one playoff contest in 1978.

Often called on to be a Cosmos shootout participant. Scored his only NASL goal against St. Louis in 1977.

Was a teammate of Pele at Santos of Brazil, the club with which he began his career in 1970, played on Santos' 1973 championship squad, was recommended to the Cosmos by Pele.

Made numerous international appearances with Santos, played both mid-field and defense in 1977, but concentrated solely on defense in 1978.

Married, a citizen of Brazil, born in Santos.

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GREG RYAN

DEFENDER Born: 21/1/57

Acquired from the Tulsa Roughnecks for goalkeeper Jack Brand in a deal finalised by the North American Soccer League on June 27, was highly touted in Tulsa as an NASL Rookie of the Year candidate.

Considered to be one of the finest American defenders ever to enter the league.

A starter for the Roughnecks at left back in their last 13 games immediately preceding his move to the Cosmos.

Scored 40 goals during his four-year collegiate career including 13 goals as a defender in his senior year.

Single, born in Frankfurt, West Germany, where his father was stationed with the U.S. military. A product of the soccer boom in Dallas in the 1960's.

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PROFESSOR JULIO MAZZEI

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

Professor Mazzei, Pele's long-time friend and advisor, has been involved in professional soccer for 18 years as a coach, lecturer and specialist in physical education. He came to the United States with Pele in 1975 when the now-retired star joined the Cosmos.

Mazzei broke into pro soccer in 1962 with the Palmeiras club of Sao Paulo. In 1965 he moved to the famed Santos Club of Brazil, where he began his association with Pele. The Professor, who also worked with the Brazilian national team, and Pele have conducted soccer clinics for coaches and children in 64 countries.

The author of nine books on physical education, Professor Mazzei has also consulted on several instructional films. He received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Sao Paulo and holds a Master's Degree from Michigan State.

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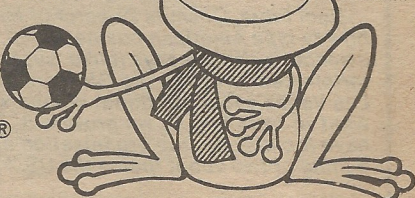
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SYDNEY CITY	3	2	—	1	4	3	4
BRISBANE CITY	3	2	—	1	6	7	4
HEIDELBERG	3	1	—	2	8	7	2
MARCONI	3	1	—	2	3	4	2

TOP-FOUR SCOREBOARD

	MARCONI	H'BERG	SYD.CITY	BRIS.CITY
MARCONI	★	2-1	0-1	1-2
HEIDELBERG	1-2	★	1-3	6-2
SYDNEY CITY	1-0	3-1	★	0-2
BRISBANE CITY	2-1	2-6	2-0	★

Too much too late

— Jock Stephen —

The dismal crowd of about 400 were entertained to a game of quality and quantity when Heidelberg United played Brisbane City at Olympic Park Melbourne on Friday evening.

Many things contributed towards the poor attendance, among them the second day of a rail and tram strike.

The result meant nothing to Heidelberg on paper, and Brisbane City were already in the final of the Philip's League Top-Four.

Brisbane City were working hard in the early stages with lots of high balls coming over for their tall timber in Kelso and Wilkinson to work on but the Heidelberg defence stood firm.

Yzendoorn, working up the right, laid on a great pass for Cole, whose cross proved too strong.

Then Paton eluded Wilkinson and Gaffney to find his shot hit the side netting.

Sustained pressure from Heidelberg was maintained until Paton slipped the ball to Cole who was closely guarded but passed to Buljevic who broke the ice at the 33rd minute.

Two minutes later Kelso had the goal at his mercy but shot weakly. One minute later, Kelso mistimed an easy shot, to fail miserably just when Brisbane City needed a score or two.

The resumption of play saw the technical skills of Heidelberg more to the fore, with Buljevic passing on to Cole for the second goal after good lead-up work by Taylor, at the 52nd minute.

One of this man Tansey's specialities is the floating free kick and Cole was there to nod it home in the 58th minute.

Banovic appeared to be in some difficulty in the Heidelberg goal so Jeff Oliver replaced him.

Heidelberg were playing with more dash than in the Sydney City encounter, and on the hour Cole laid on a square pass for Bozikas to score number four.

This created a resurgence in the Brisbane ranks, with Gaffney storming upfield to pinpoint a great pass to Kelso, who gave Oliver no chance.

Cole restored the four-goal lead with a very clever bit of ball juggling, in which he had three defenders deceived before crashing in the perfect goal.

Rooney it was who worked continuously fetching and carrying, then laying on the passes which were doing the damage.

With 20 minutes to go, a bad blunder gave Brisbane's Campbell the chance to get a second goal.

Bozikas shot from an acute angle to put Heidelberg back on a four-goal lead almost immediately.

HEIDELBERG: Banovic (Oliver 58m), McMillan, Yzendoorn, Bannon, Tansey, Bozikas, Taylor, Rooney, Buljevic, Cole, Paton. **Coach:** M. Poulakakis.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart, Perry, Gaffney, R. Campbell, Pimblett, Caldwell, Kelso, Ratcliffe, Coyne, Wilkinson, Low. **Coach:** N. Saftich.

Goals: 1-0 Buljevic (33m), 2-0 Cole (52m), 3-0 Cole (58m), 4-0 Bozikas (60m), 4-1 Kelso (63m), 5-1 Cole (65m) 5-2 Campbell (69m), 6-2 Bozikas (70m).

Referee: A. Boskovic (NSW); **Crowd:** 400.

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PHILIPS LEAGUE

Sudden death was mainly slow agony

— By Andrew Dettre —

For 45 minutes bemused spectators must have been wondering if they had their facts right.

This, they believed, was supposed to be a drama-filled, high-class, encounter in the Top Four series; a sudden death clash.

Instead, it was mainly slow agony.

These two fine teams put on a dreary, insipid exhibition in the first half with countless passes missing their targets by the proverbial mile and handling errors that would make a junior blush.

True, the heat of the day had an enervating effect on the players; perhaps it would have been better to play the game at 7pm.

Alas, in Sydney soccer we think of these things after the event.

The only true excitement of the first half was provided by Sharne's dazzling bursts on the wing; he scorched the grass as he spreadeagled the Sydney City defence on a few occasions.

Then two or three severe tackles seemed to curb his exuberance; for the rest of the match Sharne melted into the grey background, too.

Kershaw could have scored in the 2nd minute when a sharp cross from the right by Barnes hit him in the knee in the goalmouth and the ball ricocheted wide.

In the 37th minute Steve O'Connor had a chance in the goalmouth but couldn't get his shot in and the ball meekly rolled to Maher.

In between these highlights we had mainly "lowlights", often a comedy of errors as players kept giving the ball to an opponent.

Mercifully, things changed in the second period, saving the match from going down as one of the worst of the year.

In the 49th minute Marconi had their biggest chance: after a lightning fast attack Jankovics shot wide in the goalmouth.

Then Sydney City took over. With their superior basic skill, they slowed down the game, slotted their passes into open spaces and kept possession of the ball.

They could have gone ahead in the 65th minute but Maher superbly saved a Barnes header; six minutes later it was another great Maher save from a Barnes shot that kept the scoreline blank.

But Barnes, playing as cen-

tral striker, couldn't be denied for ever.

In the 75th minute Silva — back to his scintillating best — sent in a precision cross to the far post and Barnes rose almost to the clouds to squeeze in his header under the bar.

Sydney City remained in control for the rest of the game though they eased the pressure on Maher's goal.

Marconi visibly wilted; their spirit was broken and their speed effectively curbed.

One had the feeling that they couldn't score a goal if

the match went on indefinitely.

There were no really outstanding performances on the day though in Sydney City the Watson-Silva wing pair, the composed Thomson and the solid Mullen excelled.

Souness, surprisingly dropped at the start, added bite and dimension to the Sydney City midfield when he came on.

For Marconi, there were a lot of deep disappointments: Prskalo was again too passive, Byrne, Krncevic and Jankovics faded.

Only Henderson tried to rescue the sinking ship while at the back Maher and Brogan stood out.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke, Mullen, Thomson, O'Connor, Bruce, Kershaw, Stevenson, Campbell (Souness 78m), Watson, Barnes, Silva.

MARCONI: Maher, Brogan, Russell, Prskalo, Henderson, Degney, Byrne, Lindsay, Krncevic (Mariani 62m), Jankovics, Sharne.

Goal: Barnes (75m); **Referee:** S. Mellings (Vic.); **Crowd:** 5,000. **Cautions:** Barnes, Campbell, Silva, Prskalo, Henderson, Krncevic.

SYDNEY CITY SHOULD WIN

Having bounced back into top form Sydney City look set to establish a comfortable lead on Sunday against Brisbane City in the first leg of the Philips League Top-Four Final.

Although Wentworth Park, where the match will be played, is anything but the favorite playground of the Bondi Blues, they may have too much class for the Queenslanders.

Last Sunday, against Marconi, Sydney City had little problem in asserting their technical superiority.

At the same time Brisbane City crashed badly against Heidelberg, conceding half a dozen in the process.

Mark Trenter, Sydney City's tall, bustling central striker will be back in action having served his suspension and he will no doubt worry the Brisbane defence.

But let's not underestimate the Queensland team which, against all expectations, reached the final of the series and maybe ready to spring one last massive surprise.



Marconi's Alan Maher punching away a ball in last Sunday's match against Sydney City.

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Marconi could stay at top for years

At last, Marconi have caught the bridal bouquet; after years of frustration and disappointments, they have reached the very top in 1979.

To a very large extent, their success was due to sound management and planning and for this former manager Rale Rasic can probably claim as much credit as those who steered the team to the top this year.

Marconi are highly success-oriented; the continuous refinements to their stadium and the current vast extensions to their already impressive clubhouse prove this.

And it was just such fine touches which transformed their good 1978 team into champions a year later.

They signed only two new players — but both were top quality: Tony Henderson from Canberra and Eddie Krncevic from Essendon.

Some clubs try to economise and shirk high transfer fees, then end up acquiring half a dozen ordinary players at a considerable total outlay; Marconi bought only two, both international class and weren't frightened to pay a high price for them.



Eddie Krncevic



Ivo Prskalo

this is still a much smaller problem than not having a Henderson at all.

With very respectable crowds at their command, Marconi are likely to continue their prosperous PSL run out in the bushlands of Sydney.

It may not be a posh area, may not even excite, with its tomato belt and gladiola gardens, the visiting city fans.

But it is a powerful citadel of Sydney soccer behind a proud name which can only be ruined if impatient or ill advised hands tamper with its delicate balance.

APIA SET TO BOUNCE BACK NEXT SEASON

If ever a team stumbled into the Philips League, almost unwittingly, it was APIA.

After reversing their original decision not to enter at all, they merged with Western Suburbs, ready to ease their way into this top League gradually.

Then Wests collapsed, pulled out of the partnership and APIA, largely unprepared, had to go it alone.

Under these bizarre conditions they did better than almost any other club would have.

Indeed, at one stage, after a remarkable and rather lucky string of wins, they looked like Top Four candidates; then they came down to earth.

APIA also changed coaches during the season, dismissing Jim Adams and bringing in Ray Richards for the second part of the year.

Both faced one big problem; the lack of a consistent goal-scorer, something that remained unsolved to the very end.

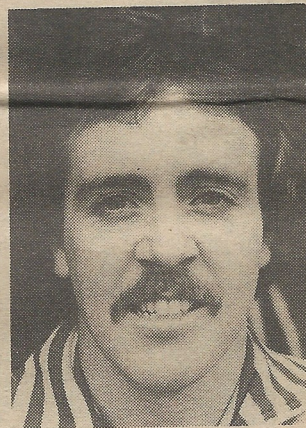
With a Cole, Boden or Jankovics leading their attack, APIA would have certainly picked up more points.

In all other departments, they appeared to have an abundance of talent at their disposal; sufficient, one would think, to challenge for a top placing.

After all, in defence they had the brilliant young goalie Woodhouse and the still highly effective Wilson while their midfield, with Carruthers, Stone, Rampanti and Butler, was bristling with talent.

But it seldom worked; Carruthers was plagued with a series of injuries, Stone had a quiet season and Rampanti, APIA's expensive signing from Bologna, never quite fitted into the hustle and bustle of Sydney soccer.

Yet the team's fortunes could have been built on a powerful midfield where the individuals were readily available.



Terry Butler

The attack, however, was too anaemic to provide the goals so badly needed: only ex-Melbourne striker Reed could be relied upon to get an occasional goal while O'Donnell, Vernon and the sparsely used Drews rarely got in front of the goal.

It may be a different story next year if APIA can get Monaro's brilliant pair, Giampaolo and Valeri; these two could even sweep them to the top.

They have already signed Phil O'Connor from St. George and are keen to secure Craig Hall from Sutherland, too.



Kenny Reed

This survey on the five Sydney-based PSL clubs was written by
ANDREW DETTRE

Olympic's fall no surprise

Sydney Olympic's demise may have come as a shock but it was hardly a surprise.

For some years now they have been slipping rapidly from their cosy middle class status towards the bottom.

Greek fans have been predicting this calamity for some time yet, in some way, they have been the very cause of the problem: invariably they create too much pressure for their own officials and coaches to work in a calm atmosphere.

The establishment of a social club greatly eased the financial burdens; for the first time in years, the club has ended a season without a deficit.

But they have also ended it with only a very meagre support, thousands of their once loyal fans having abandoned them.

It has been said many times that, because of the large number of Greeks living in Sydney, Olympic, as its predecessor Pan Hellenic, would have the best potential to grow into a super-club.

Alas, this potential has never been fulfilled mainly because in 18 years of top flight competition the club has failed to win a major prize.

Still, few were ready for the team's almost total collapse. About two thirds of the way through the season coach Joe Marston was replaced by caretaker coach John Xipolitis but things went from bad to worse.

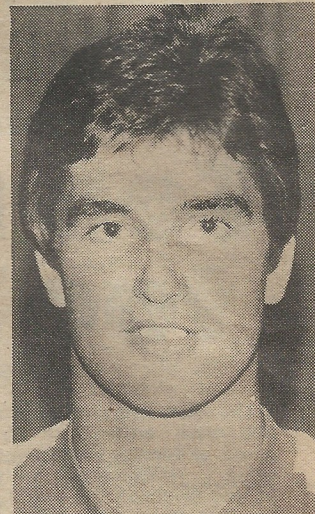
Until about six or seven weeks from the season's end, Olympic looked quite safe from relegation if only they could keep collecting a point here and there.

But they couldn't and they even lost their last crucial match where a draw would have saved their neck.

The major problem of Olympic was their inability to score goals: in whatever permutation they selected their attackers, that vital goal touch was usually absent.

One would have thought that Clive Eaton, the former Wests striker, could get those elusive goals which a year earlier the departed Don Allan couldn't; but Eaton had a poor season while Allan gained a new lease of life with Melita....

A touch of class in midfield would have alleviated some



Mike Cross

of the problems but that was lacking too.

Young ace Raskopoulos, despite his enormous natural talent, wasn't quite ready to orchestrate things while the others, Jamieson, Cross and Laing, didn't show some of the essential midfield leadership qualities.

The defence was sound; after all, they conceded less goals than champion Marconi.

In fact, Olympic was extremely defence-minded and congregated their most successful players there in Bell, McIntosh, Wilson and Meier even if the tall goalie strangely fell from grace towards the end.

One doesn't know what Olympic's fate will be; it seems that they are moving heaven and earth to retain their PSL status.

Perhaps they will even succeed though I cannot help but feel that a stint in the State League would help them more.

There, in the less rarefied atmosphere with much less pressure, they could at long last restructure the club and rebuild their ailing organisation.

And if, in the process, they don't lose too much of their support — clearly the greatest danger next to losing too many top players — they could bounce back after a year or two, ready to fulfil their long unfulfilled potential.

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Sydney City likely to revamp team and policies



Sydney City's diminutive but brilliant winger, Joe Watson, often the spirit of attack.

Without jumping to a rash and premature judgment, it appears that Sydney City's metamorphosis from Hakoah has failed to produce results and is unlikely to do so next year or the year after.

To a remarkable degree, Sydney City's problems run parallel with those of St. George though they are better off regarding management personnel.

Hakoah or Sydney's Jewish community proved to be a wafer-thin foundation for a big club, so a wider base had to be sought.

However, Hakoah probably overshot the target by trying to represent the entire city of Sydney, with its three million

people and varied lifestyle while control remained in the hands of the same Hakoah officials.

There is no doubt that the Sydney City management is aware of all this and will seek new ways and new methods.

Indeed, in the shape of some giant corporations owned or managed by some of their leading officials they have the potential to create

an American-styled success-oriented club with all its glamour and fame.

Just how this can be achieved within the rather narrow and antiquated frameworks of our soccer is a gigantic question.

But Sydney City will have to seek an answer because, with their present following they face increasingly insurmountable problems in the future and could find it pointless to spend \$250,000 or more a year to keep up with the Joneses.

Although the team finished a very creditable third, it was still their poorest PSL season and there are signs about which point towards a continuing decline.

Many of the players openly admit that they hate playing "at home" in front of empty terraces; lack of support is fast eroding the morale of the team.

Then some officials equally openly claim that the nucleus of the team has been together for too long and a drastic rebuild will be necessary to haul them back to the top.

Sydney City may lose Ian Souness, going back to

England for at least four months, maybe for good but the arrival of Ken Boden is an enormous plus.

In defence the injury to Thomson has enabled young Bruce and Kershaw to be built into the team; with Mullen and O'Connor they have sufficient talent in several permutations.

If Souness leaves for good, he will be hard to replace and the Barnes-Stevenson partnership may be inadequate to keep shaping that attractive ball-playing "Hakoah-style".

Up front the team didn't have a good season. When Watson was in brilliant form, Silva was struggling; towards the end little Watson also submerged in mediocrity.

At central striker they tried the sophisticated but non-combatant Smith, the stylish but recently goal-shy Campbell and the bustling but un-

polished Trenter; none solved the problem.

But Boden will in 1980 and that gives Sydney City a new dimension and fresh hope.

Somehow national coach Rudi Gutendorf expressed the plight of Sydney City most poignantly when he said the other day: "There is NOBODY I can select from that team, now that Souness is gone..."

What he meant was the team has many good players but none really outstanding, a leader in the old Marnoch-Watkiss-Baartz mould.

It remains to be seen whether Gerri Chaldi stays with the club; his rumored switch to Olympic is now surely a thing of the past, if ever it was true.

One rather hopes that he will remain: Sydney City will not find a more dedicated and loyal man with his knowledge.

SAINTS IN DEEP IDENTITY CRISIS

In the very last minute of their last match, St. George supporters froze with fear: Olympic's tall defender Kenny Wilson met a cross in the goalmouth and then sent his header inches wide of the post.

It was that close that the Saints got to relegation; had that header gone in, it would have been St. George and not Olympic asking for mercy.

This was a disastrous season for St. George even if a remarkable run in the Philips Cup took them within a whisker of final success.

Under new coach Joe Gelei they started extremely badly and it took all the guile of successor Raul Blanco to hoist them barely above the nirvana line.

The root cause of the club's problems goes much deeper than the person of the coach or the composition of the team.



Rudi Della Picca

munity and incapable though anxious to build an "Australian district" club.

And therein lies one of the paradoxes: the top management has remained almost exclusively Hungarian (on the soccer side, that is) while the social club's financial stability depends largely on the patronage of local Aussies.

Sooner or later this evident contradiction is likely to turn into open discontent, causing a schism within the club.

Without these problems being solved, the club looks doomed to continuous stagnation resulting in apathetic support.

And this could lead to a soccer tragedy of the first magnitude: the Saints now have the best non-council stadium probably in Australia a venue which would deserve constant patronage.

But the stadium itself will not do the trick: only a crack and well run team could if it was "sold" to the right market the right way.

Dozens of neutral observers, including coaches and players, have claimed during the season that the Saints, with their material, should have finished closer to the top than to the bottom.

The fact is that the player-material was not one iota weaker than those of say Newcastle or Brisbane City; it was the organisation and motivation that was lacking.

If there was a glaring weakness in the team it was in midfield where they badly needed a general of the Cliss-Rooney-Perin school.

To say that the Saints need a midfielder for 1980 is a vast understatement; they may need two, though John O'Shea, in more suitable company, should be able to hold his place.

Problems also existed in the defence which conceded an alarming number of goals. Individually, all defenders would be well up to PSL standard yet collectively,

somehow, they never blended.

In attack only Phil O'Connor had a good season, the others were patchy and inconsistent, including the highly skilled Cotton, the fast Hensman and latecomer Fenoughty.

One positive sign of the Saints' 1980 season was the "arrival" of some youngsters, such as Fraser, Katholos and Robbie O'Shea; another was the flood of talent blossoming in their three Federation teams, two of which won the championship under coaches Tibor Zuckerman and Steve Feher.

If the Saints can dig deep into this reservoir, they may find some gold nuggets waiting to be discovered.

Strangely, the Saints' team-building got off to an unusually early start with dubious success.

They have signed Sutherland's Peter Beggs, a proficient goal-poacher and also Canberra's skilful but frail John Davies.

And here's the twist: while they paid a reported \$10,000 for Beggs, they released their international star Phil O'Connor to APIA for \$9,000—a repeat of the bizarre Abonyi-Gnani situation in 1976.

What the Saints need is not mere talent but sheer class to lift them above the ordinary and one rather doubts whether Blanco's 1979 newcomers—Mihajlovic, Fenoughty, Beggs and Davies—will achieve that result, despite an estimated total expenditure of some \$30,000 or more.

There is also a possibility that they may lose John and Robert O'Shea; Gnani is likely to transfer and Utjesenovic, now in Hong Kong, is unsettled.

Unless the Saints approach their team building more judiciously—and are prepared to buy class players—they may end up with a weaker team than the one they had in 1979.

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In happier times, with a different team, Gelei could have been a celebrated success.

St. George have a clear identity crisis: they seem reluctant or unable to cater for their once strong power base, the Hungarian com-

Booth is on the other foot

Membership of the Philips League - or otherwise - has become a very vexing question.

Published below are a number of questions raised in the NSW Legislative Assembly last Thursday, by Member for Wollongong Eric Ramsay MLA.

Ramsay was a member of the NSW Executive for many years, and is currently one of the Federation's trustees.

He, The Speaker Laurie Kelly (Corrimal), Rex Jackson, member for Bulli and Minister for Youth and Community Services, George Peterson, member for Illawarra and the City of Wollongong Lord Mayor Frank Arkell have expressed their strong interest in Wollongong entering the PSL in 1980 quite frequently.

Sport Minister Ken Booth represents the strong soccer centre of Wollongong, and is a frequent spectator at Newcastle KB United matches.

MR. RAMSAY: I address my question without notice to the Minister for Sport and Recreation and Minister for Tourism. Is the Minister aware that Wollongong applied to join the Philips national soccer league in the 1980 season? Was that application rejected in favour of a Sydney metropolitan

team? Has the entry into the competition of Newcastle KB United revived soccer in Newcastle, and is that team drawing large crowds to its games? In view of the fact that migrants make up approximately 48 per cent of the population of Wollongong, will the Minister use his good offices to try to have Wollongong accepted in the Philips soccer league and so boost soccer in that area?

MR. BOOTH: The honourable member for Wollongong has asked an interesting question, although it puts me into a no-win situation. Mr. Speaker, I know that over the years you have taken a personal interest in the efforts made by Wollongong to join the Philips soccer league. I join the honourable member for Wollongong and you - indeed most people in the Illawarra region - in being disappointed at Wollongong's application being rejected a few weeks ago. The honourable member for Wollongong has a long association with soccer in his area not only as a player but also as an administrator. Mr. Speaker, I attended a luncheon you organised at Parliament House when attempts were made to influence Sir Arthur George and members of the soccer federation prior to the meeting at which this matter was decided.

In my no-win situation, I am the patron of the Sydney Olympic soccer club, which also was eliminated from the Philips soccer league by the decision made a couple of weeks ago. It is true that Newcastle KB United has been a tremendous success. The Government should be commended for playing a large part in that success by establishing the international sports centre trust at Newcastle, which is under the administration of the Minister for Lands and Minister for Services and

for making grants to that trust. The new international sports stadium at Newcastle is one of the finest in Australia and it has played a large part in the successful promotion of Newcastle KB United. The successful club was Blacktown. I suppose I would have been asked a similar question by the honourable member for Blacktown if its application had been rejected. It is the policy of the Government not to interfere in any way with the internal administration of sport. The matter raised is an internal matter. I understand the disappointment of the Wollongong club. Action is still being taken by it, Sydney Olympic and other clubs whose applications have been rejected. However, the Government does not intend to interfere with the administration of that sport.

VICTORIA v COSMOS 2-3

COSMOS THRILL MELBOURNE FANS

— From Jock Stephen —

Entertainment plus — that is the story told by many of the 28,000 fans who were thrilled with the fare served up by the Cosmos AND the Victorian State Team.

Cosmos had ball players and they also had tough competitors who were not afraid to put it on the line.

Victoria opened confidently, considering that five players had played flat out in a face saving game for Heidelberg United against Brisbane City on Friday evening.

Chinaglia was first to try after 6 minutes but a weak header was ineffective.

Piciaone was too anxious and blasted high over the bar when a steadier action could have been more promising with 9 minutes gone.

This was where the entertainment really got cracking and it never let up with the pot boiling merrily continuously with the fans loving every second of it.

This was what they had come to see and they were getting it.

Victoria were looking menacing when Nelsi Moraes deliberately "marked" Aussie Rules style with Cole likely to have an easy path to goal; the first yellow card for Cosmos.

Johan Neeskens, who had told me that he was unlikely to play because of a sprained ankle, had recovered sufficiently under the ice pack treatment, and some magic, was involved in a heavy attack just before half-time, with Cosmos being lucky to go in one up.

On resumption, Victoria pressed forward and Cole, who was being tightly marked placed wide on the left for Tommy Cumming to bring a broad smile to all, including Rudi Gutendorf, when he crashed home a sizzler, at the 4th minute.

Joe Tront came on for Piciaone, and Victoria's attack gained more cohesion, with Cumming being rough-housed by Eskandarian; result: one yellow card.

Right on the hour, Johan Neeskens unleashed a rocket — (with his good foot) which Banovic could not sight and the Cosmos were in front again.

Victoria then played better than Cosmos and had them in all sorts of bother when Rooney went on a brilliant solo run in which he passed four opponents to score the finest goal of the match in the 73rd minute.

Victoria still looked like winners when a sudden Cosmos breakaway gave Neeskens the chance to force the winner six minutes from time.

Victoria, and coach Len McKendry, deserved at least the draw, and one can look back to the 35th minute when a penalty was not awarded.

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VICTORIA: Banovic, Short, Tansey, Yzendoorn, Kokoska, Rooney, Gilder (Paton 52m), Piciaone (Tront 62m), Cumming, Gardiner, Cole. Coach: Len McKendry.

COSMOS: Birkenmeier, Eskandarian, Carlos Alberto, Beckenbauer, Tueart,

ADELAIDE

West Adelaide is without a coach again. Tom Forde, former Irish international, who succeeded Jim Adam at the end of the 1978 season, resigned last week.

The club is now advertising for a fulltime coach for next season.

At the same time Adelaide City coach, Rale Rasic, has announced that he would stay with the club in 1980, quashing rumours about his impending departure back to Sydney.

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GUTENDORF TO QUIT?

— By Andrew Dettre —

Is Rudi Gutendorf about to quit Australian soccer?

There are some disturbing signs that he may do just that.

Next week a top official of the Fort Lauderdale Strikers will arrive in Sydney to confirm an earlier offer to Gutendorf, believed to be worth about \$120,000 for two years plus perks.

The Strikers, in Florida, are keen to sign Gutendorf even if they have to buy out his con-

tract with the ASF.

One of their stars is Gerd Mueller, the former great Bayern Munchen "Bomber."

Recent press outbursts against "amateurish officialdom" by Gutendorf indicate that he has lost some of his enthusiasm.

It is also known that he has a cool relationship with several prominent ASF officials.

Gutendorf's resignation would create total chaos once again, on the eve of our World Cup preparations.

NSW DOING WELL

It has become fashionable to dismiss the NSW Federation with a shrug or a sarcastic remark; they have become the little brother to the giant Philips League.

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The Philips League is absolutely essential to our soccer life even if, in the next few years, it will have to undergo some very major reforms and changes to survive.

One of the pre-requisites for its success will always be strong, financially viable State Federations and this is where the NSW Federation comes in.

In the last three years they have somehow weathered the PSL-caused storm and the trauma of being demoted to a minor, supporting role.

It's imperative that they continue to fulfil their basic function which is providing opportunities for the tens of thousands of players, young and old, below the PSL level.

No excellence can be achieved without mass participation; the PSL couldn't function in a vacuum.

The present NSW executive has done a great deal better than most people would have expected.

They have acquired 35 acres of property at Parklea worth half a million dollars and only recently obtained a \$170,000 grant from the NSW Government towards its further development into a major soccer complex—the first in Sydney ever.

The NSW Federation has also survived the sudden shock withdrawal of the Rothmans sponsorship and has replaced it with Pepsi which, for a number of years, has been pouring large sums into junior and amateur soccer anyway.

Slowly but surely, they have also started to sort out their strained relations with the PSL and its five Sydney-based clubs.

On some issues—like the ethnic names—the NSW Federation has begged to disagree with the ASF and for this they deserve praise.

One of the founding principles of the Federation in 1956 was a ban on all forms of racial and religious discrimination; even if other federations now want to forget this, NSW doesn't.

The present executive, under president Karl Rodny, will come up for re-election in November and one can't see any reason at all why the clubs would feel compelled to make any changes in a team which has managed to keep their ship afloat during what was perhaps the most difficult period in the Federation's history.

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SOCEROO MIDFIELD LOOKS TOO BRITTLE

— By A. Dettre —

Rudi Gutendorf's new Soceroo squad has been roundly criticised in the media, largely on two issues.

Firstly, against his own often repeated policies, Gutendorf has selected only eight "local" players as against 12 imports.

Secondly, he has included—to quote one newspaper—"three veterans" in Rooney, Prskalo and Tansey.

Let's see the second charge first.

Prskalo will be 32 on January 2, Rooney will be 34 on December 10 while Tansey was recently only 26, all according to official ASF records.

So Tansey is certain to be around for some time yet and even Prskalo could, in his position of sweeper, last well into 1981 or 1982.

This leaves Jimmy Rooney, the "old man" of the squad and one of the greats of Australian soccer.

Quite possibly, Gutendorf has included him to be the "midfield glue" of the team on the theory that if he does go into a decline in 1980, he can be replaced without any major disruptions.

The first charge—not enough local players—is a sensitive if not emotional one.

Gutendorf must have decided, without changing his own views on the subject, that it's up to the ASF and the clubs to introduce some form of quota on imports before he himself can adopt such a policy.

A national coach can only work with the players the clubs provide; Gutendorf would have been accused of being more Catholic than the Pope if he had taken it upon himself to introduce personal discrimination where none officially exists as yet.

My own criticism of the squad is plainly subjective.

I cannot advance any argument against the goalies (Woodhouse and Crook) though Banovic, Fraser or Hoszowski could have just as easily gained the No.2 spot behind Woodhouse.

In the defence, Gutendorf must have agonised over the choices (Perry, Prskalo, Henderson, Tansey and Bobby Russell) and rightly so.

He can't be blamed for taking the Prskalo-Henderson central tandem; what is surprising is that for the four positions he has nominated only five.

Prskalo, Henderson and Tansey automatically select themselves while on the right Perry and Russell will vie for a place.

There is no suitable reserve for the other three positions and none that I can see who could be switched from midfield.

It's strange that Gutendorf has fallen out of love with Yzendoorn, who was all the rage a few months ago. Mullen and Degney were disregarded as purely offensive fullbacks.

My most serious criticism concerns the midfield where the squad may develop acute structural weaknesses.

The selected men are Rooney, Boden, Senkalski, Coyne, Echeverria and Bertogna. Frankly, I am surprised by them all.

Rooney, despite his undoubted class and current brilliant form, is not a man for the future but on this tour could be invaluable.

Boden to me is a striker, pure and simple while Senkalski and Bertogna are, despite their talents, shock choices as they haven't even been regulars in the Newcastle team.

With the selection of the Brisbane City pair Coyne and Echeverria, Gutendorf has got bogged down in a major contradiction.

Several times this year he has announced that players with blemished disciplinary records won't be considered.

Both Coyne and Echeverria served suspensions this year—Echeverria a fairly long one—and must have suspect temperaments.

Personally, I would have preferred Peter Stone, Peter Raskopoulos and Larry Gaffney or Agi Muniz.

/ Souness wasn't available because of his trip to the UK. / Murray Barnes and John O'Shea have had mediocre seasons and clearly failed to impress Gutendorf.

Up front, for the three strikers' positions, Rudi Gutendorf has picked seven: Nyskohus, Cumming, Sharne, Cole, O'Connor, Jankovics and Krncevic.

I wouldn't do without any of these either, yet I would have made room for Giam-paolo and either Valeri or Brennan by switching Jankovics and Krncevic to the midfield where they both seem much more comfortable anyway.

Finally, it's interesting to note that Rudi Gutendorf has got his way with the selection of team personnel: none of

those who went with him to Paraguay earlier this year will tour China now.

It is no secret that Gutendorf had serious clashes with some of the officials while in South America and recommended their removal while they, in turn, made various submissions to the ASF against Gutendorf.

So once again, Gutendorf has won a battle.

It's a pity that neither an assistant tour leader nor an assistant coach will be in the party.

A younger man could have helped manager Vic Tutting while an assistant coach could have been of great help to Gutendorf himself.

PEPSI TITLES

It was "United Nations Day" when Illawarra club Bellambi defeated the dreaded Carlingford Redbacks from the Gladesville-Hornsby Association in the final of the 1979 Pepsi Champion of Champions under-15 tournament.

Bellambi won 1-0 at Seymour Shaw Park with a goal by Alan Tarr.

Their squad of 14 was made up of Australians, Italians, English, Scots, a Spaniard, a Korean and a Pakistani.

Phil Morgan was the extremely elated coach.

Known as the Rosellas, Bellambi have won the Illawarra title for three years running.

The squad also won the NSW and Metropolitan club championships.

Les Banks, Frank Belsito, Mitch Langston and Paul Morgan were in Illawarra representative squad.

Other Pepsi Champion of Champions final results were: Seniors: Gwawley Bay 5, Avalon 3. U/21: Sans Souci 3, North Sutherland 1. U/18: Narrabeen 2, East Bankstown 0. U/17: Carlingbah Rangers 4, Punchbowl 3. U/16: East Bankstown 1, Dubbo Rangers 0. U/14: St. Marys Bank Club 2, Balgownie 0. U/13: Pagewood 4, Kogarah 1. U/12: Epping YMCA 1, Kirrawee 0. U/11: Wenty Waratah 1, Five Dock 0. U/10: Five Dock 3, Penrith 1. U/9: North Rocks 2, Kirrawee 2. U/8: West Holroyd George Cross 5, St. Josephs (Nepean) 0.....

— K. Gilmour.

Adelaide

— From Vic Migliaccio —

The Australian Soccer Press Association — Philips League player of the year award presentation dinner will be held at the Adelaide Oberoi on Thursday November 1.

The dinner is arranged by the generous assistance of Philips Industries and TAA.

The contest is based on votes by members of ASPA.

The winner of the player of the year award will receive a prize donated by Wedgwood and a trip to England to watch the 1980 F.A.Cup Final.

Other awards to be presented on the night are "Best U/21 PSL player," donated by SOCCER WORLD, "Coach of the Year," donated by News Ltd., "Referee of the Year," donated by Dunlop.

Local PSL "Player of the Year" award will be donated by Radio 5DN and local Rothmans League player of the year award by the Savings Bank of SA.

Television station SAS10 will make available medallions to all major award winners.

A PSL "Team of the Year" will also be announced, as well as the Umbro "Photograph of the Year" award.

T.A.A. will again assist ASPA in transporting players, pressmen and others to the function.

WAS CAMPBELL DOUBLE-BOOKED?

Will the real Ernie Campbell please stand up.....

The true drama of the Sydney City — Marconi game last Sunday was played out after the match.

During a heated one-hour argument Marconi officials claimed that referee Mellings had committed a grave error by not sending Campbell off in the 76th minute.

What appeared to happen was this: Campbell (or

so everybody thought) was booked in the 23rd minute for a vicious charge on Alan Maher.

Then, in the 76th minute, Campbell again appeared to be booked, for yet another foul on the goalie.

In our system (as all over the world now) the second booking in the same match calls for a red card and expulsion.

Sydney City coach Gerry Chaldi and secretary Harry Lakmaker freely admitted after the game that Campbell had been booked twice.

Campbell himself, happily grinning under the shower, said it was "possible".

Alan Maher claimed that there couldn't have been any mistaken identity: "It was Campbell on both occasions".

But the referee begged to disagree.

When I questioned him in the dressing room, he said the first offender was Murray Barnes.

His two linesmen agreed with referee Mellings.

"It was definitely Barnes," Mellings told me. "It was No.9."

So I rechecked the team sheets — No. 9 was Campbell.....

On Monday morning Marconi fired in a protest, demanding an immediate investigation and replay.

It will be interesting to see what happens.

If the referee and linesmen insist that the first booking was for Barnes — and their little black book proves this — probably nothing can be done about the protest.

The referee might have erred — but it's only his word that counts.

— A. D.

Appeal rejected

On Tuesday the General Manager of the Philips Soccer League, John Frank, issued this statement:

The Philips Soccer League management committee considered the appeal by the Marconi club on Tuesday. The club protested about an alleged error by the referee of the Marconi — Sydney City match played on Sunday, October 21.

The committee found that even though there may have been some doubt as to the manner in which referee, S. Mellings, cautioned the Sydney City players concerned, the committee believes that the appeal has to be dismissed.

It is an integral part of the laws of the game that the referee's decision is final.



Murray Barnes — was he booked?

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NORTH SYDNEY IS PROMOTED

— By Charles Spiteri

The Black and Blue striped North Sydney-Inter will play State League soccer next season after beating Wollongong United 3-0 in the "play-off" replay at Seymour Shaw Park last Saturday.

And this will bring about another Italian-oriented side to the top soccer scene in this State — perhaps with less crowds than APIA and Marconi enjoy at their matches.

After the marathon 120 minutes of soccer played earlier in gale force winds at the unsheltered Francis Park, Norths went through their opponents easily on Saturday.

Frank Leydon, who is the club's leading scorer this season started the rout with a well taken goal in the first half and replacement Paul Richards and Alec Bottalico made sure of a convincing result with a second half goal each.

It was a moment of jubilation and satisfaction for coach Phil Bottalico who, in just about 18 months, has transferred a side which had been battling for years to a promotion winning combination almost totally from local talent.

With the exception of Frank Leyden and Henratty, the two players bought from Croatia midway through the season, the team is composed of players who came through the APIA juniors.

They are young and willing players who, under the coaching of Bottalico, developed into a hard hitting combination, playing some very good football.

They might have finished second to St. George on the competition table, but St. George could only take one point off them in their two clashes and Norths beat them in the final at the end of the season.

President Ron Orsatti said after the game "This was Norths' best season since the club was formed in 1963."


He said it was sad a unfortunate that Fred Leitner who put so much effort into the club over the years was not around to see and enjoy this proud moment and achievement of the club; he had died a few months ago.

Ron is hoping for bigger and better things for next season, trying to get a sponsor for the club and negotiating to use Lambert Park for Norths' home matches when APIA plays away.

But back on the playing field; Norths will bring some fresh and willing faces to the league next season.

Players like goalkeeper Vic Lilli, still about 18, who has tremendous confidence and his reflexes are quite fantastic.

In front of him, players like skipper Ian Miller, Robert Falchi and Greg Matheson are a hard tackling trio which are hard to beat on the ground or in the air.



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OVERSEAS BRIEFS

• England has not yet decided whether to accept an invitation to send the national team to Uruguay at the end of 1980 for a tournament of all previous world champions.

• Former Scotland star and ex-Celtic ace Jimmy Johnstone, 35, has been sacked by his present club, Elgin City in the little Highland League, for drinking with two teammates on the eve of a match.

• The success of North American soccer isn't confined to Cosmos. Vancouver Whitecaps joined the NASL in 1974. Since then their average gate attendance has shot up from 3,000 to 24,000. In that period, they have spent almost \$900,000 on new players including Trevor Whymark (\$300,000) and Willie Johnston (\$200,000).

• A Finn, Timo Liekoski, 36, has been elected coach of the year in the North American Soccer League. Liekoski is with Houston Hurricane and went to the US as a teenager.

• Arsenal are after Scottish striker Ian Redford from Dundee but may have difficulty getting the youngster (20) released.

• Now that temporary transfers to American clubs have been banned by the English League, several US clubs are prepared to buy outright players for the 1980 season. According to reports, they are ready to splash about \$20 million on transfers.

• Trevor Francis collected some \$160,000 during his brief spell with the Detroit Express in the English off season.

• Dutchman Kees Kist, last season's top scorer in Europe, has rejected an offer from West Ham and decided to stay with his club, AZ Alkmaar. "It would have been strange to go to a second division club" he said.

• Nottingham Forest has joined several other clubs in the chase for a 14-year-old Irish schoolboy, Pat Lundy from Newry. Lundy comes from the same football town which has produced Pat Jennings, Peter McParland and several others and is reported to be a brilliant talent.

• Former Leeds and Scotland star Peter Lorimer, 32, has joined Fourth Division York City, after having returned from Toronto Blizzard in Canada.

• Diego Maradona, Argentina's new superstar, has two younger brothers, Hugo 10 and Raul 13 and both play for their junior teams closely watched by scouts each week. "Hugo will be stronger and perhaps even better than Diego," says Senora Maradona, happy mother of the three.

• Hubert Baumgartner, FK Austria's goalie, has joined the Spanish club Huelva.

• The Polish Association has suspended all transfers of players until after the Moscow Olympics next year. At the same time, players will now be openly paid by their clubs — though they are still regarded as amateurs.

• Just in case you think that Cosmos is an expensive team: Hamburg will play a friendly on November 1 in Algir for a fee of \$50,000 and they will also send a special charter jet to pick up and return the Germans from Hamburg.

• Trevor Francis was fined about \$100 by manager Brian Clough for giving a "no comment" answer to a reporter's question. "This is not the way my players have to behave with the Press," said the notoriously anti-Press Clough.

• There is a deep rift in Eintracht Frankfurt, mainly because of the personality clash between coach Friedel Rausch and star Juergen Grabowski.

• Italian goalie Fabio Cudicini is a record holder of note: he is the only player who has been a member of the winning team in all Euro-Cups: in 1961 with AS Roma the Fair Cities Cup, with AC Milan in 1968 and 1969 the Cupwinners' Cup and Champions' Cup.

• Juventus star Roberto Bettega is the latest to sign a contract as a TV-radio commentator.

• London bookmakers have made Nottingham Forest the Favorite to win the European Champions' Cup from Real Madrid and Ajax.

• No wonder the West Germans are optimistic about their chances in the World Cup elimination matches: so far they have played 20 games, winning 17 and drawing 13. The last time they had to play was in 1969; for the 1974 finals they qualified as hosts and for the 1978 as winners.

• Last week's 5-1 was Germany's first ever over Wales on German soil.

• Raimondo Saporta, who resigned two weeks ago as head of the 1982 World Cup Organising Committee, has reconsidered his decision and will stay in office. At the same time, two cities, Malaga and Zaragoza, originally omitted from the venues, are also reconsidered for match allocation.

• Gerd Mueller is likely to play for 1860 Munchen in the American off-season (until about February): his club, Fort Lauderdale, wants \$250,000 for the loan and Mueller would collect \$50,000.

• Spain has suffered its first home defeat in 10 years losing 1-0 to Yugoslavia — and the Press is demanding the head of manager Ladislao Kubala. But Federation president Pablo Porta decided to defend his man and said that he would stay at his post "until at least one more match." Oh, those loyal presidents.....

WORLD NEWS



Europe puts emphasis on the young

All over Europe, associations and clubs are realising the importance of systematic development of youth soccer.

The Austrian Schoolboy Football League is now in its fifth year, and during this time it has become a regular part of the Austrian football scene. The league would now appear worthy of being presented as a model to the rest of Europe.

The league is open to all Austrian schools, who may enter one team each, under the name of the school itself.

The key-date for the young players' eligibility is January 1, on which date the players must be under 12 years of age.

The matches begin in early October on a local level, and in May of the following year a cup system is introduced to decide the nine regional champion teams from among all the local teams.

These nine are then split into two groups in the play-off for the so-called national championship.

The final between the two teams on top of these two

groups, is held at the end of June or in early autumn and is a big event covered by television.

Over half of the eligible schools have actually been entering for the league.

After 463 teams had entered the first such competition in 1975-76, the number has risen steadily until a new record entry of 907 teams in the new 1979-80 season.

If one calculates that each of these teams has about 20 youngsters under the supervision of the school teacher-trainer, this means that a total of some 50,000 young players have had this sort of coaching since the system began.

All school terms are given free team kit and a ball, while the Schoolboy League also gives financial support to teachers' coaching sessions, courses for youth trainers and E-group football in state schools through the distribution of free football shirts.

Other pieces of football equipment are also made available to all the schools at drastically reduced prices.

Another idea is the pentathlon event sponsored by the Austrian savings banks, which has been worked out by former national team trainer Leopold Stastny and which concentrates on the youngsters' technical skills.

There is also a penalty competition which takes place after every local schoolboy league match, and a talent-spotting system.

Note is made of the two best players in each match, and the regional association then receives a list of the young players scoring the most points.

A survey carried out last year showed that when the Schoolboy League season began last October, 10,000 of the 15,000 young players did not belong to a club.

The organisation, running and financing of the Schoolboy League is in the hands of the schools football working group, which embraces the Austrian F.A., the Federal Ministry for Education and the Arts, and sponsors from the savings banks and the sports goods industry.

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EURO CUPS

These are the Euro-Cup draws for the next round:

Champions' Cup:

Hamburg v Dyn.Tbilisi
Celtic v Dundalk
FC Porto v Real Madrid
Vejle v Hajduk
Ajax v Omonia Nicosia
Dyn.Berlin v Servette
Dukla Prague v Strasbourg
Nott.Forest v Arges Pitesti

Cupwinners' Cup:

Arsenal v Magdeburg
Paris Bonnevoie v Barcelona
Panionios v Goteborg
Stara Zagora v Juventus
Lok.Kosice v Rijeka
Nantes v Steaua
Dyn.Moscow v Boavista
Valencia v Glasgow Rangers

UEFA Cup:

Dundee Utd. v Diosgyor
Mgladbach v Inter Milan
Aarhus v Bayern
Red Star v Carl Zeiss
Grasshoppers v Ipswich
Brno v Keflavik
Eindhoven v St.Etienne
Sport.Lisbon v Kaiserslautern
Aris v Perugia
Craiova v Leeds
Dyn.Dresden v Stuttgart
Ostrava v Dyn.Kiev
Dyn.Bucharest v Frankfurt
Lok.Sofia v Monaco
St.Liege v Napoli
Feyenoord v Malmo

First matches Oct.24, returns Nov.11.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

England made almost certain of a place in the European Championship finals in Rome next year with a big win in their group qualifying matches.

They thrashed Northern Ireland 5-1 with two goals each from Nottingham Forest players Trevor Francis and Tony Woodcock in a group one tie in Belfast.

West Germany beat Wales by a similar margin in a group seven match in Cologne.

The Republic of Ireland kept alive faint hopes of winning group one with a comfortable 3-0 win against Bulgaria in Dublin.

But England would have to lose heavily in their last two matches both at home, and the Republic of Ireland take maximum points from their last two games for England to fail.

West Germany, who had managed only two goals in their three previous European Championship matches, scored four times in a 20-minute first-half burst to floor Wales, who had topped the group before the game.

Both teams now have six points but the West Germans, European champions in 1972 and runners-up in 1976, have a game in hand.

Poland held Holland World Cup runners-up in 1974 and 1978, to a 1-1 draw in Amsterdam, but they still lost their chance of a trip to Rome next June.

The draw kept the Poles at the top of group four with 12 points but Holland and East Germany have 11 points and will decide the qualifying place when they clash next month.

Veteran Wilfried Van Moer celebrated his comeback to international football after a four-year absence by scoring Belgium's first goal in their 2-0 win over Portugal in group two in Brussels.

The victory preserved their unbeaten record and moved them into second place in the table behind Austria, who virtually killed Scotland's chances of going to Rome by holding them to a 1-1 draw in Glasgow.

The Scots attacked for much of the game but goalkeeper Alan Rough blundered to allow Austria to take the lead through Hans Krankl.

Scottish skipper Archie Gemmill equalised 15 minutes from time.

GROUP 1

Nth.Ireland v England 1-5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
England	6	5	1	—	18	5	11
N.Ireland	7	3	1	3	7	14	7
Eire	6	2	3	1	9	5	7
Denmark	7	1	2	4	13	14	4
Bulgaria	6	1	1	4	3	12	3

GROUP 2

Scotland v Austria 1-1
Belgium v Portugal 2-0

Austria	7	3	3	1	12	6	9
Belgium	6	2	4	0	7	4	8
Portugal	5	3	1	1	5	4	7
Scotland	5	2	1	2	10	7	5
Norway	7	0	1	6	4	17	1

GROUP 3

Spain v Yugoslavia 0-1

Spain	5	3	1	1	10	4	7
Y'slavia	4	2	0	2	6	6	4
Rumania	4	1	2	1	6	6	4
Cyprus	3	0	1	2	1	9	1

GROUP 4

Poland v Iceland 2-0
E.Germany v Switzerland 5-2
Holland v Poland 1-1

Poland	8	5	2	1	13	4	12
Holland	7	5	1	1	17	4	11
E.G'many	7	5	1	1	16	8	11
Sw'land	8	2	0	6	7	18	4
Iceland	8	0	0	8	2	21	0

GROUP 5

Czechoslovakia v Sweden 4-1

Czechosl	4	4	0	0	12	2	8
France	5	3	1	1	11	6	7
Sweden	5	1	1	3	8	12	3
Lux'burg	4	0	0	4	1	12	0

GROUP 6

Hungary v Finland 3-1

Greece	6	3	1	2	13	7	7
Hungary	6	2	2	2	9	9	6
Finland	5	2	1	2	8	13	5
USSR	5	1	2	2	5	6	4

GROUP 7

West Germany v Wales 5-1

W.Germ.	4	2	2	0	7	1	6
Wales	5	3	0	2	11	7	6
Turkey	3	1	1	1	2	2	3
Malta	4	0	1	3	1	11	1

WHO'S THE PLAYER OF 1979?

SOCCER WORLD's player of the year....team of the year....coach of the year....plus our tips for the big awards announced on November 1....all in next week's issue.

We have asked all our staff writers and correspondents to name their player and team of the year — and it makes interesting reading.

Also in next week's issue a special feature: can we copy the Cosmos success and a big coverage in words and pictures of the Cosmos v Socceroos match.

This will be our last, action-packed issue for 1979; don't miss it!



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